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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, May 10, 2021

1:00 PM

Ext. Auditorium

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Monday, May 10, 2021, in the Ext. Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator José Menéndez, Vice Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2847 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 2847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2244 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2244 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 180 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 180 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 249 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 249 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1062 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1062 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1240 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Eckhardt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 1240 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1338 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 1338 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1228 and recognized the Senator Springer to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 1228 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2144 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2144 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2184 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2184 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2242 and recognized the author, Senator Gutierrez, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2242 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2240 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2240 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2250 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2251 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2251 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2239 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2239 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1543 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Bettencourt moved HB 1543 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2159 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Paxton moved SB 2159 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2161 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2196 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.
No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2196 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2198 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2198 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2218 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2218 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2235 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2235 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2236 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Paxton moved SB 2236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2237 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered and testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 604.

Senator Zaffirini moved HB 604 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 871.

Senator Paxton moved HB 871 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2171, the companion bill to SB 786. SB 786 was heard and left pending at a previous hearing.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved HB 2171 do not pass but CSHB 2171 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2390, the companion bill to SB 1222. SB 1222 was heard and left pending at a previous hearing.

Senator Nichols moved HB 2390 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2941.

Senator Springer moved HB 2941 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 113.

Senator Zaffirini moved SB 113 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 608.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 608 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1947.

Senator Springer moved SB 1947 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2193.

Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved SB 2193 do not pass but CSSB 2193 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hall provided a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on the following bills:

HB 604

HB 871

HB 2171

HB 2390

HB 2941

SB 113

SB 608

SB 1947

SB 2193

There being no further business, at 2:41 PM Senator Bettencourt moved the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Sydney Suss, Clerk